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TURF TOPICS.

There was rather a poor attendance at the Race Course this morning due, no doubt, to the recent festivities in general and the Kingsale race in particular. Those who put in an appearance witnessed considerable number of gallops which were done on a fast, dry, good-going course. The following were the times taken, all of which gallops were done on the outside course.

Messrs. Douglas and MacDonald's sub., one mile and a quarter, last three-quarters, 41.1.12.1.54.
Admiral Lambton's sub., one mile, 2.25, first three-quarters, 1.48.
Coxcomb, one mile, 3.7.1.14.1.49.
Messrs. Gresson and Forrester's sub., one mile, 2.1.22.2.01.2.37.
Mr. Ross's sub., three-quarters, 36.1.13.1.50.
Mr. Mody's black Derby, half-mile, 35.1.07.
Mr. Hough's Sidler Dhu, one mile last three-quarters, 36.1.10.1.44.
Mr. Toog's two subs., the bay and the grey, one mile and a quarter, 1.26.1.58, 2.34.2.08.
Mr. Hough's sub., half mile, 36.1.10.4.
Mr. Seth's bay sub., one mile and a quarter, 47.1.8.4.2.20.3.03.3.59.
Messrs. Humphreys and Jupp's sub., one mile, 40.1.20.1.57.2.32.
Julius Ross, half-mile, 35.1.07.
Messrs. Christian and Mody's sub., one mile, 38.1.14.1.49.2.20.
Mr. Wheeler's sub., one mile and a quarter, last three-quarters, 35.1.13.1.51.
Mr. Friedland's sub., one mile, 35.1.10.1.47.2.24.
Quora, one mile, last three-quarters, 40.1.18.2.07.
Mr. MacDonald's sub., 36.1.13.1.50.2.22.
Messrs. May and Lowe's sub., one mile, 41.1.19.1.58.2.32.
Mr. Mody's black Derby, half-mile, 35.1.07.
Mr. Jupp's sub. and two others, three-quarters, 1.16.1.51.
Panjuri, three-quarters, last half 37.1.18.
Mr. Valley's sub., three-quarters, 41.1.22.1.57.
Mr. Mody's sub., the grey, three-quarters, the bay joined in at the half-mile post, 39.1.16.1.48.
Mr. Friedland's grey Derby, one mile, 38.1.10.1.40.2.22.
Mr. MacDonald's roan sub., one mile and a quarter, 3.04. last quarter, 3.12.
Hornward Bound, three-quarters, 39.1.15.2.27.
Mr. Mody's grey sub., one mile and a quarter, 30.1.10.1.50.1.25.3.01.
On Wednesday morning next, at 4.45 a.m., the race will be sold by auction at the Race Course. Game Chick's qualifications are, being at the Hankow Spring Meeting, the British Navy Cup and the Chihai Cup, both a mile and a quarter, the Tansin Cup, three-quarters, and the Tansin Cup, one mile and three-quarters. There are also three seconds to his credit, the Maiden Stakes, Shanghai Autumn Meeting, 1908, three-quarters, the Pou-Ma-Ting Cup, same meeting, one mile and a quarter, and the Champion's Cup, same meeting, one mile and a quarter.

VICTORIA CINEMA PHOTOGRAPH.

Last night's performance at the Victoria Cinema was one well worth a visit and the management has been well congratulated on the excellent programme put on for the evening. The picture was simply perfect and many of the visitors had been waiting for the picture to be shown. The picture was a comedy and the actors were very well acted. The picture was a comedy and the actors were very well acted. The picture was a comedy and the actors were very well acted.

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Specially Written for the "China Mail" by a Farsee Traveller.

(Continued.)

Bishop Ames, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, recently expressed to the New England Conference his opinion that a large portion of the funds for supernumerated preachers is paid to men mentally and physically disqualified by the use of tobacco.

Dr. Woodward, after presenting a large array of facts showing the tendency of tobacco to produce disease,—apoplexy, aphony, hypochondria, consumption, epilepsy, headache, tremors, vertigo, dyspepsia, cancer, and insanity, concludes with the following inquiry:—Who can doubt that tobacco, in each of the various ways in which it has been customarily used, has destroyed more lives, and broken down the health of more useful members of society, than have been sufferers from the complaint in question—bronchitis—up to present time, or than ever will be hereafter?


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All the foregoing facts have been gathered from various sources and more might be presented.


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9 p.m.—Concert in City Hall.

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Tuesday, January 6:—

6.30 p.m.—Organ Recital, in St. John's
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Friday, January 8:—

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2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain,
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9.15 p.m.—Philharmonic Concert at City
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Saturday, January 9:—

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Wednesday, January 13:—

9 p.m.—Premjislav at St. Andrew's Hall.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1908.

A NEW YEAR RETROSPECT.

YESTERDAY the great majority of the

human family, those who follow the Gre-

gorian calendar, formally entered upon a

new year and naturally most people are

either in a retrospective mood, or else

elated by hope at the prospects about to

be disclosed. On the whole the past

year will leave few regrets behind.

Commercially it has been anything but

bright, yet all things considered the

condition of affairs in Hongkong more

particularly, is healthier and more buoy-

ant than a twelve-month ago. There

are now no superabundant stocks in

godown, money is fairly easy, a steady

stream of enquiries seem to have set in,

while the political outlook seems reassur-

ing. The very fact that the disappearance

from the scene of such a strong per-

sonality as the late Empress Dowager

caused not the slightest disturbance

throughout the vast dominions of China

should tend to revive confidence in the

stability of the Government in Peking.

Strong men are undoubtedly at the

head of affairs to-day, and each week as

it passes only strengthens their position.

The outstanding political events of

the year, so far as this Colony is con-

cerned, were undoubtedly the Taku

Maru affair and the subsequent boycott

of Japanese goods leading eventually

to what will be known in local

annals as the November riots. Here

again Time has proved an effective

solvent and the difficulties which these

events occasioned are now happily things

of the past.

At Home 1908 has seen the

difficulties and disappointments of the

Liberal Ministry steadily increase. Their

Education Bill has had to be with-

drawn; the House of Lords has thrown

out the Licensing Bill and various

Scottish Land Bills, while the by-

elections have gone steadily against them.

If the municipal elections of November

are any criterion of the state of public

feeling then the days of the Liberal

Ministry are numbered, for the Con-

servative or Unionist party triumphed

almost everywhere. Most observers are

of opinion that the next Budget will

bring about the wreck of the Govern-

ment, for with a huge deficiency to

make good, the imposition of new taxes

in the face of the deep commercial

depression prevailing everywhere and

the lack of employment in all the prin-

cipal industrial centres will prove de-

cidedly unpopular.

In Japan the SHOMU Cabinet has

given place to one presided over by

Marquis KATARA, who came back to

power with the determination to effect

all the economies possible. This will

not prevent Japan from increasing her

Army and strengthening her Navy, but

the money spent on these objects will

be spread over a longer period, that is all.

Meanwhile the island empire has made

an agreement with America regarding

the maintenance of the status quo in the

Pacific and incidentally providing for

the preservation of the integrity of

China: so peace is reasonably secure for

another decade.

The United States will change rulers

next March, passing from the charge of

the strenuous, exuberant and rather

obstreperous ROOSEVELT to the care of the

placid, worldly-wise and judicial TAFT.

Most folk think it will be a change for

the better. Certainly no man has ever

come better equipped for the lofty office

than the President elect, and the good

wishes of Asia go out to him.

The Balkan troubles were gradually

slipping themselves as the year closed.

Austria, it is now seen, will have her

own way in the matter; Bulgaria will

also find the Powers compliant, and

the only country which will lose in the

deal will be Turkey. The bloodless

revolution whereby Turkey was sudden-

ly transformed during 1908 into a

constitutional country with regular

parliamentary institutions will go

down in history as one of the

most unexpected surprises of modern

times. That Turkey will profit by the

gift wrung from a reluctant Sultan we

have little or no doubt. The Turks are

a fine race, sound at the core, and cen-

turies of misgovernment have not entirely

ruined them. Persia is not taking so

kindly to the constitution granted by the

late Shah. The present ruler of Teheran

is too obviously letting "I dare not wait

upon I would." He would like to re-

sume the autocratic rule of earlier Shahs,

but in the face of the new born national

feeling of his people he hesitates, shilly-

shallies, and "loses face" and influence.

We wish that 1908 could have seen

the establishment of more cordial

relations between Great Britain and

Germany. These two kindred nations

should be seen in the same camp

together; unfortunately everything still

tends to keep them far asunder, to the

great loss of civilization and the higher

ethics of mankind. One day, perhaps,

we shall be closer friends, seeing eye

to eye with one another: but that day

has clearly not yet dawned.

The year upon which we have just

entered will be remarkable for the

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DEVANHA.....8000	Feb. 6	MOREA.....11000	Mar. 6	Mar. 13
BRITANNIA.....7000	Feb. 20	MOULTAN.....10000	Mar. 20	Mar. 27
DEHA.....8000	Mar. 6	OHINA.....8000	Apr. 3	Apr. 10
MACEDONIA.....10500	Mar. 20	(through steamer)	Apr. 17	Apr. 24
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EMPIRE.....	14th Dec.	6th January, 1909.
EASTERN.....	11th Jan., 1909.	4th February.
ALDENHAM.....	8th Feb.	4th March.

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TJILAWONG	JAPAN	First half of January.	JAVA	First half of January.
TJIKINI	JAVA	Second half January.	JAPAN	Second half of Jan.
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Hongkong, December 12, 1908. 1677

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the above ports on or about MONDAY, the
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Hongkong, December 28, 1908. 1737

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above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 20th
January, 1909.

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Freight apply to
SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents.

Prince's Buildings,
Hongkong, December 28, 1908. 1738

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will be despatched to the above ports
about 10th January, 1909.

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Agents.

Hongkong, December 21, 1908. 1728

Shipping.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

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CATHARINE APOL,.
Capt. W. D. A. THOMAS, will be despatched
for the above ports on TUESDAY, the
5th January, at 3 p.m.
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D. SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 31, 1908. 1760

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CO., LTD.THE CHINA MUTUAL
STEAM NAVIGATION
CO., LTD.

Notice to Consignees.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo ex
THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP
and THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
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are hereby notified thaton and after 1st JANUARY,
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Hongkong, December 14, 1908. 1682

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
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Consignees of cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the
exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables,
are being landed and stored at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns
where delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the 6th
of January, 1909, or they will not be re-
cognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the undersigned.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 8th of January,
at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 10th
of January, 1909, or they will not be re-
cognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the undersigned.

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DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1908. 1760

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,
JAPAN AND MANILA.CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship
ASIA.

The above-named Vessel having
arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
notified to send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
vessel will be landed at once at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 5 p.m.,
on WEDNESDAY, the 30th Dec., 1908,
will be landed and stored at Consignees
risk and expense.

All Cargo undelivered on MONDAY,
January 4th, 1909, at 12 Noon, will be
subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo
will be examined at the above Company's
Godown on SATURDAY, the 2nd Jan.,
1909 at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 28, 1908. 1721

'BEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BENFOLION.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby in-
formed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the Godowns of
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Co., Limited, Kowloon, and
West Point Godowns, where delivery may
be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the 1st
January, 1909, or they will not be re-
cognized.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 31st December, at
10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 21, 1908. 1811

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Hongkong, November 28, 1908. 1611

Notice to Consignees

'BARBER' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP SURUGA.

FROM NEW YORK & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the Godowns of
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whences
and/or from the Wharves delivery may be
obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the 6th
of January, 1909, or they will not be re-
cognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1908. 1747

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.THE Steamship Catharine Apoc having
arrived from the above ports, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby informed that
their Goods will be delivered from along-
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel
will be landed at once at Consignees' risk
and expense. Cargo remaining on board
after 4 p.m. of the 31st Dec., will be landed
at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of cargo from Singapore and
Penang are requested to take immediate deliv-
ery of their Goods from alongside.

Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1908. 1743

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

SUNDRIES.

TOTAL Fund at 31st December, 1907.
£1,000,000.
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Paid-up Capital £2,000,000.
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—Sinking Fund Account £45,000.
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